

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) A recording/reproducing apparatus for recording/reading audio information with corresponding text information and type information to/from a semiconductor memory card which can be at least one of inserted into and removed from said recording/reproducing apparatus, the semiconductor memory card including a text storage area, said recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

a first recording device operable to record audio information onto the semiconductor memory card;

a second recording device operable to record text information in a consecutive manner from a start of the text storage area, and to record type information which is indicative of whether the text information is type (a), type (b), or type (c); and

a read-out device operable to read out audio information with the corresponding text information and type information from the semiconductor memory card; wherein:

the type (a) text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

the type (b) text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence;

the type (c) text information includes the 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a plurality of 1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 1-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a plurality of 2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item, and the plurality of 2-byte character codes indicating a content of the item; and

the type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated code which are included in the text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of the text storage area when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 1-byte character code sequence, and the first terminated code is stored in the text storage area at

the end of the 1-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 1-byte character code sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at a position immediately after the first terminated code when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 2-byte character code sequence;

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second terminated code in the text storage area of the semiconductor memory card are indicative of whether the text information is the type (a), type (b) or type (c);

wherein said recording/reproducing apparatus further comprises:

a reproducing device operable to reproduce the audio information read out by said read-out device;

a display device operable to display at least one of the 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

a control device operable to control said display device to display either the 1-byte character code sequence or the 2-byte character code sequence in accordance with the type information read out by said read-out device; and

~~A recording/reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:~~

an identification mark information storing device operable to store pairs of the item of the text information and mark information; and

wherein the said control device controls is operable to control said the display unit device to display the content of the item with the corresponding mark information in accordance with the read out type information.

Claim 17 (Cancelled)

Claim 18 (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus for reading out audio information with corresponding text information and type information from a semiconductor memory card which can be at least one of inserted into and removed from

said reproducing apparatus, the semiconductor memory card including a text storage area,
said reproducing apparatus comprising:

a read-out device operable to read out audio information and corresponding text
information and type information from the semiconductor memory card;

wherein the text information is stored in a consecutive manner from a start of the
text storage area, and the type information is indicative of whether the text information is
type (a), type (b), or type (c), wherein:

the type (a) text information includes a 1-byte character code sequence;

the type (b) text information includes a 2-byte character code sequence;

and

the type (c) text information includes the 1-byte character code sequence
and the 2-byte character code sequence;

the 1-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 1-byte tag and a
plurality of 1-byte character codes, the 1-byte tag indicating a name of an item,
and the plurality of 1-byte character codes indicating a content of the item;

the 2-byte character code sequence includes pairs of a 2-byte tag and a
plurality of 2-byte character codes, the 2-byte tag indicating a name of an item,
and the plurality of 2-byte character codes indicating a content of the item; and

the type information is a first terminated code and a second terminated
code which are included in the text information;

wherein the first terminated code is stored at the start of the text storage area
when the text information stored in the text storage area does not include the 1-byte
character code sequence, and the first terminated code is stored in the text storage area at
the end of the 1-byte character code sequence when the text information stored in the text
storage area includes the 1-byte character code sequence;

wherein the second terminated code is stored in the text storage area at a position
immediately after the first terminated code when the text information stored in the text
storage area does not include the 2-byte character code sequence, and the second
terminated code is stored in the text storage area at the end of the 2-byte character code
sequence when the text information stored in the text storage area includes the 2-byte
character code sequence;

wherein a storage position of the first terminated code and a storage position of the second terminated code in the text storage of the semiconductor memory card area are indicative of whether the text information is the type (a), type (b), or type (c);

wherein said reproducing apparatus further comprises:

a reproducing device operable to reproduce the audio information read out by said read-out device;

a display device operable to display at least one of the 1-byte character code sequence and the 2-byte character code sequence;

a control device operable to control said display device to display either the 1-byte character code sequence or the 2-byte character code sequence in accordance with the type information read out by said read-out device; and

~~A reproducing apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:~~

an identification mark information storing device operable to store pairs of the item of the text information and mark information; and

wherein ~~the said~~ control device ~~controls~~ is operable to control said ~~the display unit~~ device to display the content of the item with the corresponding mark information in accordance with the ~~read-out~~ type information read out by said read-out device.